(b) the number of such samples found of sub-standard quality and what are the names of those medicines;

(c) what are the names of Laboratories where such samples were tested;

(d) whether his Ministry has taken any action against the producers of sub-standard medicines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). Information as available with this Ministry regarding the testing of finished medicines is annexed. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 84]

(c) Samples of finished medicines are tested by State Drug Control Authorities in their own State Drug Testing Laboratories. Those States which do not have full facilities or have limited facilities for testing of drugs get their samples tested from the Central Government Laboratories namely Central Drugs Laboratory, Calcutta, Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad, Central Research Institute, Kasauli and Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, by appointing officers of these laboratories as Government Analysts for their-State/Union Territories.

(d) and (e) Control over the manufacture and sale of drugs is exercised by the State Licensing authorities appointed by the respective State Government. Whenever a drug is found to be not of standard quality, action like withdrawal of the particular batch from the market, suspension, cancellation etc. of manufacturing licence is taken by the respective State Licensing Authorities.

Collection of Subscription for Union/Associations

1718. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Headquarters Letter No. 57583/OS-10A dated the 11th August, 1988 regarding collection of subscription for Unions/Associations, deductions of subscriptions from the salary of the employees and table collections near the pay counters/pay points are not permissible; and

(b) if so, in what manner the commandant of Ordnance Depot, Calcutta has allowed/Ordered deduction of the yearly subscription for Calcutta Ordnance Depot Employees Unions from the salary through their pay sheets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ordnance Depot, Calcutta have been instructed to ensure strict compliance of Government instructions.

Suspension of Cashier of Ordnance Depot, Calcutta

1719. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cashier of Ordnance Depot, Calcutta has been suspended recently for misappropriating huge amount of Government money, if so, whether he has been issued any chargesheet; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) The Cashier of Ordnance Depot, Calcutta, has been suspended and charge sheet, if necessary will be issued on finalisation of the staff Court of Inquiry.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.